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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:)
Anne DEJEAN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1655
Serial No.: 09/819,007) Prior Examiner: J. Goldberg
Filed: March 28, 2001)
For: DIAGNOSTIC MEANS USEFUL)
FOR PREDICTIVE ASSESSMENT)
OF HUMAN HEPATOCELLULAR)
CARCINOMA DISEASE (HCC))
AS WELL AS DIAGNOSTIC)
METHODS USING THE SAME)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please
amend this application as follows:

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Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application hereby claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C.
§119(e) of United States application S.N. 09/055,353, filed April
6, 1998 which claims the benefit of provisional application S.N.
60/043,437, filed April 7, 1997. The entire disclosure of this
application is relied upon and incorporated by reference

herein.--

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